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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

CHENG-LE ZHAO ET AL

SERIAL NO.: 09/623,487

FILED: SEPTEMBER 15, 2000

FOR: DISPERSION RESINS CONTAINING
ITACONIC ACID FOR
IMPROVING WET ABRASION
RESISTANCE

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: GROUP ART UNIT: EGWIM, K.

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2002, the period for response having been extended to April 8, 2003, by a Request for Extension of Time filed herewith, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows.

9. (Twice Amended) An emulsion paint, comprising:

i) a polymeric binder, which comprises at least one copolymer P of ethylenically unsaturated monomers M in the form of an aqueous polymer dispersion;

ii) at least one inorganic pigment;

iii) an inorganic filler/extender; and

iv) an auxiliary;

wherein said copolymer P has a glass transition temperature T_g in the range of from